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Mr. Alvin G. Graves
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Dear Dr. Graves:

The attached letter from Mr. Ralph Palmer Tinker to the United States Customs Department, dated April 2, requesting statistics on exports of animals for Bikini tests since January 1946 and a letter from the Bureau of Customs to us, dated April 14, are transmitted for your consideration.

- In discussing this matter with Colonel Ray Sturges and the Division of Biology and Medicine we recognized that:
- (a) the real purpose of the inquiry is obscure and may well involve a "cruelty to animals" motive.
 - (b) disclosure of the number and kinds of animals may represent a security compromise.
 - (c) you may not have this information for the Crossroads Operation.

In view of the above may we have your comments and specific recommendation as to what the tenor of the AEC reply should be? I am indicating as

an animal lover and correspondingly nervous about the implication as

of the possible use of such information.

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